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SUMMARY OF STATISTICS



Area of the District	236,649 acres
Estimated mid-year population of Llandeilo R.D.C.	23,970
Number of Private Dwelling Houses	..			6,757
Number of Council Houses	..	..		1,162
Total number of Houses	..	..	..	7,919
Average number of persons per house	..			3.00
Number of Births	..	..	..	317
Number of deaths	..	..	..	313
Rateable Value	..	..	..	£415,530
Sum represented by penny rate			..	£1,643/5/4

**REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1965**



To the Chairman and Members of the Council

Mr. Chairman, Members,

I have pleasure in presenting my Fourteenth Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1965.

The Registrar General's mid-year estimated population again showed a fall in the population, even greater than last year, 110 compared with 70 in 1964. There were twelve fewer births and 34 more deaths, with an increased number due to coronary disease. There was also an increase in the cancer deaths and in those from cancer of the lung.

Apart from some cases of measles, there were no epidemics during the year.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Thomas, The Chief Public Health Inspector and his Assistants for their co-operation in the work of the Health Department, as well as other members of the Staff and the Council for their continued interest and support.

I am, your obedient servant,

GLADYS M. HERBERT

Medical Officer of Health

VITAL STATISTICS



LIVE BIRTHS

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	308	168	140
Illegitimate	9	4	5
Legitimate and Illegitimate	317	172	145

STILL BIRTHS

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	6	2	4
Illegitimate	0	0	0
Legitimate and Illegitimate	6	2	4

BIRTH RATES, DEATH RATES, ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY



BIRTH RATES

	Llandeilo R.D.C.	C.C.C.	England & Wales
Birth rate per 1,000 population			
Legitimate 12.85 }	13.23	14.17	18.10
Illegitimate 0.38 }			
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births ..	2.84	4.29	
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total births	18.92	17.10	

INFANT DEATHS

Under 1 week

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	4	3	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0

Under 4 weeks

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	6	3	3
Illegitimate	0	0	0

Under 1 Year

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	7	4	3
Illegitimate	0	0	0

CLASSIFICATION OF INFANT DEATHS

	Premat- urity	Congenital defects	Infectious	Others	Totals
	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F
Under 1 Hour	— —	1 —	— —	— —	1 —
1 Day	1 1	— —	— —	— —	1 1
Under 1 Week	— —	— —	— —	0 1	— 1
Under 4 Wks.	— —	1 —	— —	— —	1 —
Under 1 Year	— —	— —	1 —	— —	1 —
Total	1 1	2 0	1 0	0 1	4 2

INFANT DEATH RATES

per 1,000 Live Births

	Llandeilo R.D.C.	C.C.C.	England & Wales
Perinatal mortality. Still births and Infant deaths in first week of life per 1,000 total live and still births.	31.55	30.44	
Early neonatal. Under 1 week	12.62	13.58	
Neonatal. Under 4 weeks	18.92	16.12	
Under one year ..			
Legitimate .. 22.08	22.08	22.49	19.00
Illegitimate .. 0.00			Wales 20.00

MATERNAL MORTALITY

	Llandeilo R.D.C.	C.C.C.	England & Wales
Number of Deaths	0.00	0.00	
Deaths per 1,000 (live and still births)	0.00	0.00	

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES IN 1965

There was an increase of 34 in the number of deaths compared with 1964, but the death rate was lower than the County rate.

Pneumoconiosis was a cause of death in 13 males, accounting for 8% of male deaths. Their ages varied from 51 to 84 years.

Number of deaths — 313**Male — 162****Female — 151**

69% of all male deaths were 65 and over

86% of all female deaths were 65 and over

55% of all male deaths were 70 and over

64% of all female deaths were 70 and over

18% of all male deaths were 80 and over

39% of all female deaths were 80 and over

0.60% of all male deaths were 90 and over

4.57% of all female deaths were 90 and over

DEATH RATES

	Llandeilo R.D.C.	C.C.C.	England & Wales
All Causes	13.06	13.66	11.50

NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM EACH DISEASE
with rates per 1,000 population



	Male	Female	Rate
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	1	0	0.04
Other tuberculous diseases	0	0	0.00
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	0	0.04
Other infective and parasitic diseases	0	1	0.04
Cancer	25	29	2.25
Diabetes	1	1	0.08
Vascular lesions of nervous system	12	30	1.75
Coronary disease	50	36	3.59
Hypertension with heart disease ..	5	2	0.29
Other heart disease	13	19	1.77
Other circulatory diseases	4	14	0.75
Pneumonia	2	2	0.16
Bronchitis	8	1	0.35
Other respiratory diseases	13	0	0.54
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ..	1	0	0.04
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ..	1	0	0.04
Nephrosis and Nephritis	3	0	0.13
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	0	0.08
Motor Accidents	4	0	0.16
All other accidents	4	2	0.25
Suicide	0	3	0.12
Other defined and ill-defined disease	12	12	1.00
All causes	162	151	13.06

DEATHS FROM CANCER

There was an increase of 13 in deaths from cancer this year, making our death rate for cancer the same as that for the whole County.

CLASSIFICATION OF CANCER DEATHS ACCORDING TO SITES AND AGES

	Pharynx & Oesophagus		Stomach		Colon & Rectum		Lung and Bronchus		Larynx		Pancreas		Breast		Uterus		Leukaemia		Other Sites	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1-5 years ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	F	—	F	—	M	F	—	1
35-45 years ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
45-55 years ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
55-65 years ..	—	—	2	—	3	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	3
65-75 years ..	—	—	1	2	2	2	6	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	5
75 and over ..	—	—	1	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1
Total ..	0	0	4	3	6	5	9	2	0	0	0	0	5	—	3	—	0	0	6	11

DEATH RATE FROM CANCER.

LLANDEILO R.D.C.—2.25 C.C.C.—2.25 England & Wales—2.20

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES



Measles was slightly more prevalent in the district, 84 cases were notified. There were also a few cases of dysentery.

CLASSIFICATION OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES



				Llandeilo R.D.C.		C.C.C.	
				1964	1965	1964	1965
Scarlet Fever	..	..	..	6	0	28	11
Measles	..	..	..	84	39	844	823
Whooping Cough	..	..		2	0	108	43
Dysentery	..	..	..	19	4	110	108
Erysipelas	..	..	..	1	0	3	5
Food Poisoning	..	..		0	0	1	6

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION



For the 19th year in succession no cases of Diphtheria occurred in the District, but a few cases still occur in the country, so parents should ensure that their children are protected by inoculation. This can be obtained free from the Family Doctor or at the Local Infant Welfare Clinics.

During the year the majority of children were given a triple antigen containing Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus, but a few received a quadruple antigen for Whooping Cough, Diphtheria, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis.

A few received Diphtheria and Tetanus combined or Whooping Cough and Tetanus. The remainder who had previously been vaccinated against some of these diseases received Diphtheria or Tetanus or Whooping Cough alone.

Table of Inoculation given:

				0/5 years	5/14 years	Boosters
				<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Trigen	..	..	..	83	0	16
Quadruple	..	..	..	1	0	0
Diphtheria/Tetanus	..	..		1	0	2
Whooping Cough/Tetanus	..			0	0	0
Diphtheria only	..	..		0	0	0
Whooping Cough only	..			1	1	0
Tetanus	..	..	..	0	0	0

Smallpox:

Separate figures for the district are not available, but those for the whole County are as follows:-

Age at date of Vaccination			No. Vaccinated	No. Re-vaccinated
			<hr/>	<hr/>
Under 1 year	..	..	162	0
1 year	..	..	554	0
2—4 years	..	..	142	23
5—14 years	..	..	7	46
15 or over	..	..	18	253

Poliomyelitis:

Oral vaccines were given by the Family Doctors and at the Infant Welfare Clinics and in the Schools. The total figure for the whole County are as follows:-

Age Groups	No. of persons who have received 3 doses of oral vaccines			
Children born 1965	161
Children born 1964	1006
Children born 1963	234
Children born 1962	137
Young Persons born 1958-1961	325
Others under 16 years	97
Total	1960

Number of persons given re-inforcing dose of oral vaccine—44

B.C.G. WHOLE COUNTY**Contact Scheme:**

Number of skin tested	..	..	239
Number found negative	..	..	149
Number vaccinated	..	..	137

School Children Scheme:

Number of skin tested	..	..	1127
Number found negative	..	..	925
Number vaccinated	..	..	925

TUBERCULOSIS

Five cases were notified this year compared with 16 last year. Three new cases—two male and one female, and one male re-notified—all suffering from respiratory disease. There was also one case of non-respiratory disease.

	1964	1965
Total Notifications ..	16	5
Respiratory ..	13 male. 1 female	3 male. 1 female
Non-respiratory ..	0 male. 2 female	1 male. 0 female

The following table gives the age distribution of all new cases notified during 1965.

Age	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
20—25 years	0	1	0	0	1
25—35 years	0	0	0	0	0
35—45 years	0	0	1	0	1
45—55 years	2	0	0	0	2
65 and over	1	0	0	0	1
Total	3	1	1	0	5

TUBERCULOSIS RATES 1965

	Llandeilo R.D.C.	C.C.C.	England and Wales
Case Rates:-			
Respiratory ..	0.17	0.26	
Non-respiratory ..	0.04	0.07	
Death Rate:-			
Respiratory ..	0.04	0.05	
Non-respiratory ..	0.00	0.02	

MASS RADIOGRAPHY UNIT

During the year, one of the units carried out a survey of the general population at Brynamman when 170 were examined, 104 males and 66 females, 41 of these, 37 males and 4 females or 24.11% were found to be abnormal—26 of these males were suffering from some degree of pneumoconiosis. Only three, 2 males and 1 female required further observation at the Chest Clinic.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 — SECTION 47

No court action was required under this section during the year, but a few elderly persons were visited and kept under observation with a view to voluntary admission to a Welfare Home.

DETAILS OF WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES



WATER SUPPLIES

(a) Schemes completed during the year:

Brynamman and Cwmllynfell Water Augmentation Scheme.

Parts of further extension of the Comprehensive Water Supply Scheme

(b) In progress during the year:

Parts of further extensions of the Comprehensive Water Supply Scheme

(c) Schemes approved by the Ministry and tenders invited:

Further extension of the Comprehensive Water Supply Scheme

(d) Awaiting approval of the Ministry:

Nil

(e) Schemes under consideration 31st December, 1965

Nil

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

(a) Schemes completed during the year:

Angel area, Glanamman

Tir Sir Walter, Garnant

Argoed, Betws

Maerdy Road, Betws

(b) In progress during the year:

Sewer extension Ashfield Row, Llangadog

(c) Schemes approved by the Ministry and tenders invited:

Nil

(d) Awaiting approval of the Ministry:

Llanwrda and Llansadwrn Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme

(e) Schemes under consideration 31st December, 1965:

Rhandirmwyn	Penybanc, Llandeilo
Nantgaredig	Manordeilo
Myddfai	Derwydd
Llanfynydd	Pumsaint
Caeo	Talley
Farmers	

Proposed Sewer Extensions:

Rhosfa, Brynamman

Brook Cottages, Glynammann Ward

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS**1. Inspection for purpose of provision as to health.**

Premises	Inspections	No. of written notices	Prosecutions
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by L.As. ..	2	-	-
(ii). Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by L.A. ..	15	-	-
(iii). Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by L.A. (excluding outworkers premises)	2	-	-
Total	19	-	-

2. Cases in which defects found.

Number of Defects

	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	No. of Prosecut- ions
Want of cleanliness	1	1	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature ..	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation ..	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:-				
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences not including offences relating to outwork	-	-	-	-
Total ..	2	2	-	-

COMMON LODGING HOUSES



There are none in this area.

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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1965**



To the Chairman and Members of the Council

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my fourteenth Annual Report for your information and kind consideration.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS



Butchers Shops	11
Cafes	14
Ice Cream Premises	24
Confectioners	23
Canteens and Clubs	8
Food Factories	7
Bakehouses	9
Grocers and Greengrocers	57
Fried Fish Shops	4
Licensed Premises	54
Slaughterhouses	805
Factories	19
Offices and Shops	35
Water Supplies	119
Drainage	491
Rodent Control	2466
Refuse Disposal	38
Infectious Diseases	35
Filthy and Verminous Premises	12
Dwelling Houses (P.H. Acts)	31
Dwelling Houses (H. Acts)	470
Dwelling Houses (Miscellaneous)	271
Council Houses	59
Nuisances (Miscellaneous)	98
Total	5160

SUMMARY OF NOTICES SERVED



Number of Statutory Notices served	11
Number of Statutory Notices complied with	11
Number of Preliminary Notices served	81
Number of Preliminary notices complied with	70
Works undertaken by Council in default	Nil

WATER SUPPLY



The Comprehensive Water Supply Scheme was virtually completed during the year under review, and a network of mains, carrying an adequate supply of wholesome water, now traverses the length and breadth of your northern rural area.

Perhaps the next important step is to ensure that the best possible use is made of this Scheme, and that the maximum number of properties are given the opportunity of enjoying it.

In particular, I would again respectfully remind you of the unsatisfactory conditions still prevailing in the village of Ffairfach. The supply to certain parts of this village has never been a satisfactory one, and has always given cause for concern. Unfortunately, there was no alternative until very recently. Now that part of the Comprehensive Scheme traverses the village, an opportunity presents itself to remedy matters, and it is to be hoped that an amicable arrangement between your Council and the Llandeilo Urban District Council, whereby the supply known as Maesifan may be dispensed with, will shortly come about.

Before we can be fully satisfied in our endeavours in the Comprehensive Scheme too, I believe we shall have to spend a fair amount of time tidying up the ragged edges—looking into the question of long extensions to properties—an exercise which has already taken up much of the Council's time and thought—and, giving further thought and study to the welfare of the inhabitants of the more remote hamlets, which are still isolated from this Comprehensive Scheme.

Nor can we be complacent in this matter until approaches have been made to the owners of properties now linked to and enjoying the Comprehensive Scheme, to encourage the provision of other modern amenities, which prior to this, were beyond their reach and impossible to achieve. In this respect all-out efforts are being made to encourage such owners of properties to dispense with the abominable pail closet and provide in its place a water-closet, with a water-carriage system of drainage to a septic tank. Already many farms and country cottages have moved in this direction, and it is now no longer cause for amazement to find installed in such habitations, water closets, baths, constant hot and cold water and so many other modern amenities, which not so long ago were but a hazy dream and the envy of the country dweller.

Most parts of your area are now served by a mains supply and have an adequate supply of water of excellent quality.

Samples from public and private sources have continued to be collected and submitted for bacteriological examination during the year.

TABLE OF ANALYSIS OF SAMPLES FOR THE YEAR

(a) Public Supplies:

Bacteriological Examinations:

Number of samples collected . .	34
Number of samples satisfactory	16
Number of samples unsatisfactory	18

(b) Private Supplies:

Bacteriological Examinations:

Number of samples collected . .	32
Number of samples satisfactory	16
Number of samples unsatisfactory	16

HOUSE CONNECTIONS



Parish	Main Supplies				Private Supplies	
	Direct to House		By Standpipe		No. of Houses	Popul- ation
	No. of Houses	Popul- ation	No. of Houses	Popul- ation		
Llandingat Without	7	22	—	—	76	270
Llandeilo Rural ..	913	3196	14	52	286	806
Llanegwad ..	217	766	3	9	138	483
Llangadog	276	968	—	—	133	407
Llanddeusant ..	38	133	—	—	61	200
Llandyfeisant ..	8	27	—	—	11	38
Llanfairarybryn ..	64	225	3	11	151	445
Llanfihangel Aber.	271	763	7	23	78	279
Llanfynydd ..	58	196	6	20	100	337
Llangathen ..	63	216	—	—	89	306
Llansadwrn ..	68	232	—	—	92	279
Llansawel	65	221	—	—	90	311
Llanwrda	67	229	—	—	49	169
Talley	62	217	—	—	57	182
Cynwil Gaeo ..	98	342	—	—	227	673
Cilycwm	49	171	—	—	118	403
Myddfai	42	140	—	—	89	308
Betws	297	956	—	—	19	76
Llandybie	2320	8120	5	17	41	142
Quarter Bach ..	808	2824	—	—	12	38

During the year, fifty-four private dwellings were connected to the Council's main supplies.

DRAINAGE AND CLOSET ACCOMMODATION



During the year under review, complete sanitary surveys were carried out in the following villages in anticipation of sewerage schemes being approved in the not too distant future—Caeo, Farmers, Llanfynydd, Penybank, Llandeilo, Manordeilo, Pumsaint, Nantgaredig, Cothi Bridge and Derwydd.

In addition to the above surveys, reports have been submitted in support of proposed sewerage schemes at Llanwrda, Cilycwm, Llansadwrn and Rhandirmwyn.

With the recent completion of the numerous minor sewerage schemes in the South Sanitary District, this part of your area is abundantly served by public sewers, and only the more isolated pockets of habitation now lack this important service.

During the year, every effort has been made to ensure that owners of properties on all the Council's Sewers make use of this service by providing for their respective properties water-closets to replace existing earth-closets and a satisfactory system of house drains connected to these sewers. Our efforts in this direction have proved most fruitful, and in all 323, earth closets were replaced by water-closets and 184 additional dwellings were provided with a modern bathroom.

The following table illustrates the water-carriage and conservancy system figures for the individual Wards and Parishes at the close of the current year:-

Ward/Parish	Drainage and Closet Accommodation				
	Number connected to Sewer	Number connected to Cesspool	Number provided with Earth-Closet	Number provided with Bath	Houses
Llandeilo South ..	172	70	116	191	358
Llandeilo North ..	67	117	208	168	392
Cynwil Caeo ..	14	123	184	127	321
Llansawel	57	27	70	60	154
Llangadog	135	132	146	223	413
Llanfihangel Aber.	178	37	138	186	353
Llanwrda	6	51	59	47	116
Talley	10	40	68	45	118
Llandingat Without	—	27	56	28	83
Llanfynydd ..	6	49	109	53	164
Llanfairarybryn ..	20	65	132	84	217
Llansadwrn ..	33	30	105	55	168
Myddfai	—	49	81	48	130
Cilycwm	4	50	113	53	167
Llanddeusant ..	12	38	49	44	99
Llanegwad	30	110	217	133	357
Llangathen ..	12	48	92	59	152
Llandyfeisant ..	—	9	10	8	19
Betws Upper ..	36	13	41	45	90
Betws Lower ..	165	16	53	138	234
Quarter Bach No. 1	426	6	27	250	459
Quarter Bach No. 2	301	13	50	230	364
Glynamman ..	402	12	50	284	464
Llandybie	771	25	69	647	865
Heolddu	14	10	42	21	66
Penygroes	645	22	84	521	751
Saron	624	12	84	459	720
Totals ..	4140	1201	2453	4453	7794

RODENT CONTROL



Summary of Control Measures

Type of Property	No. of Inspections	No. of Treatments	No. Sect. 4 Notices	Block Treatments		
				No.	No. of Premises	No. of Manholes
L.A. Property	20	20	—	35	260	27
Dwellings	2065	425	—			
Business Property	35	35	—			
Agric. Property	346	1	—			
Total	2466	481	—	35	260	27

The figures shown in the above summary table illustrate the nature of the work carried out in this field and indicate the extent of the problem within your area. The number of complaints received during the year was rather higher than for previous years, but the surveys carried out did not indicate any excessive rise in the rat population.

This is a problem where team work is most essential, and in this respect, I refer to team work between neighbouring authorities. I am perfectly satisfied with the manner in which you have dealt with this problem for the past twenty years and the efforts which have been made to cope with this menace within the Council's area is something which I am proud of.

Unfortunately, rats are no respectors of local authority boundaries; they are carefree and indiscriminate in their choice of haunts. And until all local authorities accept and appreciate that this is a major problem requiring firm and constant action—a major problem which endangers both health and economy—then all we can hope to do is to hold the rat population at its present high level. Total annihilation or even marked reduction cannot be envisaged until all local authorities really pull their weight in this matter.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES

Two further premises were registered during the year, bringing the total of premises registered under the Act of 1963 to 37.

Thirty-five of these premises were inspected during the year and required improvements and several of these are already in hand.

Generally the conditions prevailing in these premises are good and the health and welfare of the 92 employces distributed throughout these premises is well and fully maintained.

MEAT



Private Slaughterhouses

(a) Management

With the increase in throughput which has taken place in your four private slaughter houses over the past few years, it has become necessary more than ever before to ensure that the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations and the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations are strictly observed. When one considers the enormous number of regulations which govern these establishments, it is obvious that defaults in one or more of these must be common. I have always accepted this, and when such defaults occur, I have always endeavoured to rectify matters by simple instruction, advice and kindly persuasion.

One one occasion during the current year however, these methods which I have always adopted, failed miserably and I had no alternative but to recommend to you that legal proceedings be instituted against the owners of this particular slaughter house. The owners at the court hearing were found guilty on all counts and fines imposed amounted to £80.

(b) Meat Inspection

There was an increase in the number of animals slaughtered within your area during the year under reveiw, from 21,635 slaughtered in 1964 to 22,925 slaughtered in the current year. A hundred per cent. inspection was achieved.

The following arc details of animals slaughtered and inspected during the year:-

Bovines	..	..	..	1627
Calves	..	..	..	541
Sheep	..	..	..	14758
Pigs	..	..	..	5999
Total				22925

RECORD OF MEAT INSPECTION CHARGES FOR THE YEAR

Slaughterhouse	Animals Inspected				Charges Made
	Bovines	Calves	Pigs	Sheep	£ s. d.
Aberlath, Bonllwyn ..	138	3	702	766	50 11 6
Bryn Road, Brynamman ..	977	509	3639	11450	484 13 0
Gate Road, Penygroes ..	460	28	1577	1831	171 18 0
Brynglas, Penygroes ..	52	1	81	711	24 14 6
Total	1627	541	5999	14758	731 17 0

DETAILS OF MEAT CONDEMNED



BOVINES

REASON FOR CONDEMNATION						QUANTITY CONDEMNED (LBS)
Fascioliasis ..	..	..	..	..	..	1492
Abscesses ..	..	..	..	..	..	350
Cirrhosis ..	..	..	..	..	..	428
Hydatid Cysts ..	..	..	..	..	..	335
Bruising ..	..	..	..	..	..	332
Telangiectasis ..	..	..	..	..	..	235
Angioma ..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Necrosis ..	..	..	..	..	..	98
Inflammation ..	..	..	..	..	..	50
Nephritis ..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Actinomycosis ..	..	..	..	..	..	40
Septicaemia ..	..	..	..	..	..	400
Tuberculosis ..	..	..	..	..	..	20
Pneumonia ..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Pericarditis ..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	3800

CALVES

REASONS FOR CONDEMNATION						QUANTITY CONDEMNED (LBS)
Immaturity	..	..	..	..	..	90
Joint Ill	..	..	..	..	..	40
Jaundice	..	..	..	..	..	33
Total	..	..	..	..	..	163

SHEEP

REASONS FOR CONDEMNATION						QUANTITY CONDEMNED (LBS)
Fascioliasis	..	..	..	..	..	1555
Strongylosis	..	..	..	..	..	63
Physiological Degeneration	..	..	..	..	..	56
Cysticercus Tenuicollis	..	..	..	..	..	17
Hydatid Cysts	..	..	..	..	..	452
Emaciation	..	..	..	..	..	148
Septicaemia	..	..	..	..	..	90
Oedema	..	..	..	..	..	32
Bruising	..	..	..	..	..	4
Contamination	..	..	..	..	..	14
Decomposition	..	..	..	..	..	45
Compound Fractures	..	..	..	..	..	15
Total	..	..	..	..	..	2491

PIGS

REASONS FOR CONDEMNATION						QUANTITY CONDEMNED (LBS)
Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	..	301
Pleurisy	..	..	..	..	..	78
Ascaris Lumbricoides	..	..	..	..	..	298
Tuberculosis	..	..	..	..	..	694
Abscesses	..	..	..	..	..	17
Inflammation	..	..	..	..	..	54
Septic Peritonitis	..	..	..	..	..	45
Cirrhosis	..	..	..	..	..	10
Cysticercus Tenuicollis	..	..	..	..	..	39
Total	..	..	..	..	..	1536

GRAND TOTAL OF MEAT CONDEMNED
3 tons 11 cwts. 38 lbs.

OTHER FOODS



The supervision of food premises, including mobile shops, has been pursued relentlessly throughout the year, and although serious lapses in applying the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations were encountered in a few such premises, the general picture is a very satisfactory one throughout your area. For the most part, I have found that handlers of food are becoming more and more hygiene conscious; they take kindly to advice and seem always pleased to co-operate.

As already suggested, however, occasions have arisen from time to time, when all kindness in the world has failed to enlighten just a few of your food handlers, and although I have not deemed it necessary during the year to advise the institution of legal proceedings against these continual offenders, it has been necessary to warn them in no uncertain terms of the consequence of continued resistance to our efforts to promote and maintain sound and hygienic food premises. This action has had the effect at least of promoting better conditions for the time being, but I shall be vigilantly watching these premises during the coming months, and unless the occupiers can satisfy me that they are making a real effort to mend their ways and to provide a safe and hygienic service for their customers, action will be taken against any such offender.

Many food handlers, even in the better establishment, have still not grasped the importance of protecting foods from risk of contamination. Vegetables are still exhibited for sale stored at ground level. It is sometimes argued that most vegetables are peeled and boiled before consumption and that danger from contamination is negligible. But not all products receive this treatment—for example—lettuce; in any case, it is a point of law that foods must be stored at least eighteen inches above ground level. More to the point perhaps, what customer would purchase any article of food in a shop a second time, were they to see such foods fouled by dogs or cats? This should prove the point to owners and managers of food premises, that sound hygienic practice apart from necessity, also keeps the till ringing with money from satisfied customers.

There is also carelessness often in the storage of open foods. Unwrapped bread and cakes particularly should be well protected not only from flies, dust, sneezing and coughing—but from the hands of possible purchasers. On no fewer than twelve occasions during

the year, have I had to draw attention of food handlers to this aspect of food hygiene.

On this subject of risk of contamination of foodstuffs, I have suggested to several occupiers of food premises that their pets should have no access to this part of the premises. Cats seem to be the particular pet involved, and these should be trained to sleep on the kitchen hearth and should never be allowed to stretch out on the apples, tomatoes or peaches or any other food product for that matter.

During the year, following routine visits, the following offences were discovered, the majority of which were remedied by informal action:-

Nature of Offences	Number of Premises involved
1. Food not protected from risk of contamination	12
2. Covered bins not provided	1
3. Hot water not provided	3
4. Unsatisfactory closet accomodation ..	3
5. Unsatisfactory drainage	1
6. Unsatisfactory kitchens (to catering establishments	1
7. Unsatisfactory state of repair	4
8. Unsatisfactory state of decoration	3
9. First Aid Box not provided	15
10. Wash your hands sign not displayed ..	23

HOUSING



The following are the house construction figures for the year under review compared with those for the previous year:-

	1964	1965
Number of Council Houses erected	40	28
Number of Council Houses under construction	110	170
Number of Private Houses erected	28	23
Number of Private Houses under construction	29	28
Number of families rehoused in Council Houses	53	52

COUNCIL HOUSES — WAITING LIST



There was a further increase in the number of applicants for Council Houses by the close of the current year. In my previous Annual Report I informed you that the total stood at 445. This has now increased to 485 and is made up as follows, viz:-

<i>Ward/Parish</i>	<i>General Needs</i>	<i>O.A.Ps.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Quarter Bach No. 1	20	3	23
Brynamman	28	1	29
Upper Betws	22	5	27
Lower Betws	19	2	21
Heolddu	3	—	3
Penygroes	37	13	50
Llandybie	41	14	55
Saron	83	17	100
Llangathen	3	5	8
Llangadog	25	4	29
Llansadwrn	7	2	9
Llandeilo North ..	15	1	16
Llansawel	10	—	10
Cilycwm	3	2	5
Talley	3	1	4
Llanwrda	9	4	13
Llanfihangel Aber. ..	9	2	11
Llanegwad	16	7	23
Cynwil Gaeo	4	6	10
Llandeilo South ..	20	3	23
Llanfairarybryn ..	12	2	14
Myddfai	2	—	2
Totals	391	94	485

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS



During the year under review 78 discretionary improvement schemes were completed and these qualified for grants amounting to £26,423.

In addition, thirty standard grant schemes were completed and these qualified for grants amounting to £2,799.

IMPROVEMENT AREAS



During the year, a pilot scheme was embarked upon in accordance with the provisions of the Housing Act, 1964 relating to improvement areas. The area chosen for this exercise was Bonllwyn.

In all 78, properties were inspected and it was found that only 7 of these were tenanted properties; the owners of these properties were sympathetic and co-operative, and will in due course, I believe, improve these properties without compulsion, to the full standard.

The exercise was an interesting one, but one upon which comment is required:-

1. In principle, none will disagree with the aim of the provisions of the Housing Act 1964, in relation to compulsory improvement grants.
2. To properly administer these provisions, however, within your area, will prove an impossible task with the staff available.
3. The pilot scheme referred to dealt with a relatively small area (areas comprising up to 300 properties are envisaged in the Act), and the preliminary work alone entailed a considerable amount of work, both in the field and in the office.
4. In as much as this Council has an excellent record in the field of improvement grants, I would respectfully suggest that the relative provisions of the Housing Act 1964, be implemented only in so far as they apply to dwellings outside improvement areas, i.e., to take appropriate action for the compulsory improvement of dwellings outside improvement areas where any tenant makes representations to you, indicating his desire to be provided with the standard amenities.

SLUM CLEARANCE



Further satisfactory progress was made during the year in eliminating unfit houses throughout your area. As will be appreciated, this is a duty which must of necessity be regarded as a long and arduous one. Excellent as your record is in this direction, it would take a very astute and brave man to forecast how long it will take to rid your area of all such unfit houses. Action in this direction is continuous, but as these houses are duly dealt with so additional houses are falling into the unfit category, despite our determined efforts to prevent this.

Nevertheless progress in this field is extremely good, and I am well satisfied with the results achieved. For the period 1961-65, you informed the Minister of Housing and Local Government that you estimated that 100 unfit houses would be demolished or closed, whereas in fact, you cleared in this period 153 such dwellings. During the current year, 2 unfit houses were demolished, 17 were closed and 5 were rendered fit for human habitation, making a total of 24, unfit houses cleared.

ACTION TAKEN UNDER HOUSING ACTS 1957-1961



Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs (Section 9)	5
Number of houses which were rendered fit by owner after service of formal notice (Section 4)	4
Number of houses which were rendered fit by local authority in default of owners (Section 10)	Nil
Number of houses reconstructed as a result of formal notice (Section 16)	5
Number of houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders (Section 17)	2
Number of unfit houses closed as a result of formal notice (Section 16)	17

Number of notices served in respect of dwelling houses over-crowded	Nil
Number of separate tenement or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made (Section 18)	Nil
Number of condemned houses reconstructed (Section 24) ..	2
Number of closing orders substituted for demolition orders (Section 26, H.A. 1961)	2

CONCLUSION



This again has been a full and interesting year, and the preparation of this Report, which I believe, indicates so much progress in so many directions, has given me the greatest of pleasure.

My thanks are due as always, to my colleagues in all departments who have at all times during the year given me every support in all my efforts, and to you Mr. Chairman and Members, for your continued kindness and encouragement.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Members,

Yours obedient servant,

G. THOMAS

Chief Public Health Inspector





